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The Honorable Dwan B. Walker  
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Dear Mayor Walker:

I am writing to share important information with your citizens about the Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period, which ends on February 15.

February 15 is the last day that individuals and families who do not have health insurance will be able to apply for and enroll in affordable, comprehensive health coverage for 2015 through the Health Insurance Marketplace. In addition to coverage in private health plans, the Marketplace is also where your constituents can learn about other programs they may qualify for, including Medicaid and CHIP.

The good news is that 81 percent of Pennsylvanians who apply and enroll in coverage through the Marketplace so far have qualified for financial assistance to help pay the cost of their premiums. Some may also qualify for reduced out-of-pocket costs, to make coverage even more affordable. And this year, Pennsylvania has expanded Medicaid to cover more of its citizens.

Most importantly, for those seeking assistance with applying and enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, help is just a call or click away, on line ([www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)), on the phone (1-800-318-2596), or in person (see attached).

Enclosed are flyers with information about the Marketplace, and how people can get individualized help in applying for quality, affordable health care coverage. There are trained, certified counselors right in your community who are available to meet with consumers to help them with their applications.

I would appreciate it if you could share these materials with any departments, offices or locations in your community where your constituents could benefit from this information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (215) 861-4140.

Thank you in advance for your help in this important endeavor.

Best regards,

Regional Administrator

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